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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****DEC 08 2004****PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 7678.599.1****FILED VIA FACSIMILE****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of		)
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	Norbert Abels, et al.	)
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Serial No.:	10/774,197	) Art Unit
		) 3732
Filed:	February 6, 2004	)
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Conf. No.:	6975	)
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For:	SELF-LIGATING ORTHODONTIC	)
	BRACKETS INCLUDING A METAL	)
	LIGATION COVER HINGEDLY	)
	CONNECTED TO A BRACKET BASE	)
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Examiner:	John J. Wilson	)

**AMENDMENT "A"**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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